

MEETING	Monday, September 21, 2015
TIME	5:39 PM
PRESIDING OFFICER	Mayor David P. Maher
PRESENT	Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons and Toomey
PRESENTATIONS	None
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
MOMENT OF MEDITATION	In memory of William Lichtenburg
MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEETING WAS BEING RECORDED WITH AUDIO AND VISUAL DEVICES.	

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

On motion of Councillor Toomey the submission of the minutes for June 22, 2015 was accepted on a voice vote of seven members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Ryan, 4 Ashburton Place, stated that regarding infrastructure improvement in Area 4 she notes that the city intends to install a large Storm water Tank under #6. She stated that she would like public clarification of how this would affect the possibility of 100% affordable housing on this lot. She asked the City Council to reconsider and increase in the Incentive Zoning or linkage fee to only one-half of that declared necessary by the Nexus Study which cites \$24.30 per square foot. She stated that because the linkage fee has not been addressed for 13 years, there is a need to increase that approaches the need. She stated that it is wrong that MIT is proposing to build only 260 new units of housing on its \$1.2 million square feet when MIT needs to house a majority of its 5,500 graduate students who are driving up the costs of rental housing in adjacent neighborhoods. Regarding Policy Order #5, she stated that she supports Councillor Mazen's order that will make public records available to the public in a timely way. She stated that Vice Mayor Benzan's order regarding Central Square is unclear whether he is proposing to pay persons living in local shelters and/or drug treatment from local agencies to staff litter patrols in Central Square. She stated that the city cannot be in the business of conscripting people in need. She stated her objection to Mayor Maher's proposal to turn four City Council meetings into Roundtables. She stated there is too much business at

hand. Regarding Ames Street, Ms. Ryan stated that we should accept no more than the full 15% of affordable units in this development.

Mike Connolly, 20 Harding Street, spoke on Calendar Item #3. He stated that he would like to talk about the affordable housing situation in the city. He stated that people are being displaced because their landlords have sold their building. Regarding Calendar Item #3, he asked the City Council to implement the full linkage fee. He stated that the great thing about the City of Cambridge is that we all agree that affordable housing is a priority. He stated that we are in the middle of a tremendous development boom and we should set the fee for the full impact.

Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, spoke on Policy Orders #5, #6, and #37. She stated that the amount of \$12 is too low for the linkage fee. She stated that inflation should be considered. Regarding Calendar Item #4, she stated that she is in favor. She stated that the public should be able to access information in a timely way. She stated her support for Policy Order #5. Regarding Policy Order #6, she stated that she agrees that Central Square is in danger of becoming a high crime area. She stated that a satellite police station would be a good thing. She stated that she has been trying to promote an education campaign as it relates to littering. She asked why there will not be a City Council meeting on November 30, 2015 and stated that there are too many Roundtable meetings.

Jan Devereaux, 255 Lakeview Avenue, stated that regarding City Manager #3, she stated that \$12 is too little, too late. She stated her hope that the rate could take effect with more urgency. Regarding Policy Order #37, she stated that she is distressed that the number of affordable units is being lessened again. Regarding Metropolitan storage, she stated that there is a housing crisis and we should value that issue over storage. She stated that regarding Policy Order #41 it is foolish to do a study and while it is going on, allowing a significant change.

Ilan Levy, 148 Spring Street, spoke on Calendar Item #3. He stated that it is a tool that the city should use in order to slow down the government and the \$24 should be voted on rather than \$12. He stated that it is important to negotiate from a place of strength.

Deborah Ruhe, Just-A-Start, spoke on CPA allocations. She stated that JAS is a provider of affordable housing and housing services as well as a developer. She stated that it is important for the allocation of monies for affordable housing.

Kyle Gale, 136 Huron Avenue, spoke on Policy Order 6. He stated that the area has deteriorated significantly in the last year. He stated that there does not seem to be police presence. He stated that the lights need to be brighter. He stated that there is trouble in Central Square from early in the morning until late at night.

Andy Monat, 57 West Hill Avenue, Melrose, spoke on Policy Orders #34 and #35. He stated that MBTA buses in Cambridge are slow, arrive irregularly and can be severely overcrowded. She stated that service levels have not kept pace with rapid ridership increases as population and employment soar, yet worsening traffic congestion has increased bus travel times. He stated that the city controls the streets that the buses operate on. He stated that a bus carrying 50 people should be prioritized over cars carrying one person. He stated that transit priority is effective and reduce travel times by up to 20%, making buses faster, more reliable and more

competitive with private cars. He stated that time savings can be reinvested in increased frequency, limited-stop routes, or more service elsewhere. He stated that the technology to grant buses priority at traffic signals is inexpensive and readily available. He stated that Cambridge should take the lead on transit priority.

Allison Quach, 2552 Massachusetts Avenue, spoke on Policy Orders #34 and #35. She urged the City not to let the study sit on the shelf as we need a plan to address solutions to address these issues. She stated that traffic signals in Cambridge are not connected. She stated that improving buses and making them more reliable will be a benefit to getting people to use public transportation.

Lee Farris, 269 Norfolk Street, spoke on Calendar Item #3. She stated that she would like to ask that the City Council request the City Manager and staff to ensure that Boston Properties allocated 42 units of affordable housing rather than 32. She stated that regarding linkage, she recommends increasing this fee to \$24 to compensate for the upward pressure on the Cambridge housing market that is caused by high-end commercial development. She stated that regarding Policy Order #26 she would like to remind City Councillors to review her previous remarks and those of the Cambridge Residents Alliance. She stated that she supports allocating 80% of CPA monies for affordable housing. She encouraged City Councillors to ask if affordability was measured by paying no more than 30% of one's rent, how affordability compares in 1997 vs. 2015. She stated that the City Council and residents deserve a clearer path forward on affordable housing. She added that she would like the City Council and Mayor to commit to the Compact of Mayors agreement.

Ari Ofsevit, 10 Laurence Street, spoke on Policy Orders #34 and #35. He stated that he is in favor of these policy orders. He stated that there have been great strides in promoting walking and biking. He stated that if there are better amenities to drivers, there will be more bus riders. Better transit options mean more accessibility to good jobs and housing. He stated that one bus can replace 50 cars on the street. He stated that more reliable and frequent buses are better for everyone. He stated that there is great opportunity to work with local agencies to have better transit for Cambridge.

James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Gardens, spoke on Policy Order #3. He stated that the linkage fee should be at least \$20 per square foot and test the hottest real estate market in the country. Regarding Policy Order #25, he stated that current BZA legal notice has the hearing schedule but when he went to Inspectional Services, he could not see the plans. He stated that it is important to see the materials. He stated that regarding the Harvard Square crosswalk, it is difficult to decipher the memo from the Traffic Department. He stated that fins mask the view of the traffic lights by pedestrians. He stated his support for the mess on the shared path. He stated that the signage and paint job made this area worse. Regarding Mass + Main, he stated that nowhere is any mention made of zoning being changed to enable a 19-story building on Massachusetts Avenue.

Michael Gervais, 60 Mt. Vernon Street, spoke on Reconsideration Item #1. He thanked the City Council for meeting with the cab industry to look at efforts to help this industry. He stated that the cab industry supports the City Council and is pleased that the City Council supports the taxi industry. He stated that he would like swift action to help the taxi industry. He stated that

many people are spreading rumors that the City Council wants to do things behind closed doors. He stated that he does not want this to be true.

Sue Butler, 14 Clinton Street, spoke on Policy Order #15. She asked the City Council to adopt this simple structure and it could really help the City mobilize in a positive way to address greenhouse gases. She stated that she would like to see what the inventory shows. She stated that she would like to see a decrease in this number. She spoke about a recent White House Press Release.

John Woods, 362 Green Street, urged the City Council to adopt the allocation for 80% affordable housing in Cambridge. He stated that in a typical year, 200 units become vacant which means 3% of the wait list gets served. He stated that housing costs in Cambridge continue to climb. He stated that the CPA funds have been instrumental in redevelopment efforts. He stated that these funds help the CHA to leverage crucial state funds. He urged the City Council to accept the allocation.

John Robert Fleurissaint spoke on Reconsideration Item #1. He stated that he has been a taxi driver for twenty years. He stated that when he came to the USA he did not have a good education so he drove a taxi. He stated that he has two sons and he questions himself because right now the cab drivers are suffering. He asked for the support of the City Council. He stated that Uber is crushing the taxi business.

Dave Rogers, 18 Richard Avenue, updated the City Council regarding discussions with the developer of the site at Massachusetts Avenue and Richard Avenue. . He stated that the residents have not seen any new plans for this development. He stated that the developer did reach out with some suggestions regarding possibilities. He thanked the City Council for their efforts on the residents' behalf. He asked that a unified message continue to be sent to the developer.

Gregg J. Moree, 25 Fairfield Street, stated that there are many families that cannot afford to live in Cambridge. He stated that more affordable housing needs to be built when new developments are being built. He stated that the families that are struggling need a place to live. He stated that the low income people in the community need education.

Kuldeep Singh spoke on Reconsideration Item #1. He stated that the taxi industry is dying. He asked the City Council to help save the taxi industry.

Balwinder Gill stated that he is a cab owner. He thanked the City Council for their support of the taxi industry. He stated that the taxi drivers are in deep trouble. He thanked the City Council for its support.

Jean E. Larrame, 126 Jerome Street, Medford, spoke on Reconsideration Item #1. He stated that the taxi industry needs the support of the City Council. He urged the City Council to act on the taxi industry's behalf.

Lawrence Adkins, 45 Hayes Street, spoke about policing in Central Square. He stated his support for a police station in Central Square. He stated that it makes sense to have policing in Central Square. He stated the importance of affordable housing.

Charles Nesson, 5 Hubbard Road, stated his support for Resolution #23 regarding the Berkman Center and asking for the support of the City Council.

Lydia Marik, 34 Essex Street, stated that she conducted an informal survey regarding hosting of refugees. She stated that she looks forward to learning more about this.

Patrick Barrett, 234 Broadway, Cambridge, spoke about Policy Order #6. He stated that he is a property owner in Central Square. He stated that Central Square has been the worst over the past summer. He stated that he does not feel that the problems in Central Square are because of lack of policing or DPW response times. He stated his belief is that it falls upon the City Council. He stated that we all have Central Square stories. He stated that the loss of the police station has been palatable. He stated the need for leadership. He stated that we should bring back C2 and start and grow from it.

Barbara Taggart, 2 Cottage Court, spoke on the linkage fee. She stated that Kendall Square is one of the hottest areas in the country. She stated that she does not understand why the City Council only wants to use half of what is recommended by the study. She stated that we are low-bidding before negotiations have already begun. She stated that she has not heard one person in favor of a \$12 linkage fee.

Sheri Tucker, 854 Massachusetts Avenue, spoke on the linkage fee. She stated that for a City Council that is for low-income housing, the linkage fee being set at \$24 as soon as possible is a no-brainer. She stated that it is a bad influence on housing to have so much luxury housing. She stated that regarding Boston Properties, she does not see any reason why they are not being held to 42 units. She stated her support of the CPA recommendation of 80% for affordable housing. She stated that she would like to keep the Forbes Plaza in Harvard Square as it is.

Elaine DeRosa, 4 Pleasant Place, spoke in support of CPA 80/10/10. She stated that preservation is a challenge. She urged the City Council to support this recommendation. She thanked Councillor Simmons for slowing down the issues of storage at Metropolitan Storage for residents who have been displaced. She stated Cambridge has stepped up as it relates to the food pantry.

John Sanzone stated his hope that the appointment of Iram Farooq as Assistant City Manager for Community Development will maximize the chances of a productive outcome in the citywide planning process. Regarding City Manager Agenda Item #26, he stated that the city needs to be proactive and aggressive as it pertains to transit improvements that can be achieved on the city level. He stated that he finds the Barrett Petition to be a very welcome petition. He stated that additional units and increasing the potential living area on existing parcels and in existing buildings helps to serve the comprehensive housing goals. He noted that this creative step should be supported and promoted. As it relates to the Stern petition, he stated his belief that it is a mistake to remove a potentially contributing mixed-use site from the

Massachusetts Avenue overlay district and the North Massachusetts Avenue sub district. Regarding Central Square, Mr. Sanzone stated that there needs to be much done in the long-term, including a total re-think of the public way and spaces. Regarding Policy Order #17, Mr. Sanzone stated that he would like bicycle and transit infrastructure in any reconstructions included in the scope of work. He stated that regarding Policy Order #20 he believes that it is a positive step that MIT has brought this building into its academic portfolio. He stated that Policy Order #21 has a built in bias in the second WHEREAS that anticipates the outcome.

Peter Valentine, 57 Brookline Street, stated that he supports 80/10/10 CPA allocations. He stated that his support for the taxi industry.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, stated that every City Councillor has submitted an order that she supports. She stated her support for improving the MBTA, extending the Green Line, transparency of public records, data on parking and traffic, and added that having legible notices would be fantastic. She added that legible building permits should be included as well. She stated that civic engagement of youth is really important. She stated her concern about Boston Properties and affordable housing. She stated that the ten units that the city is foregoing is 1% of the 1,000 that they are calling for. She stated that it would take an 85 unit building to replace those ten affordable units. She stated that what has happened is that Boston Properties has gotten concessions from the city so they could build the Broad Institute. She stated that the City needs to enforce the ordinance.

Marilyn Wellons, 651 Green Street, stated that the City should watch out for labs because they could be coming to North Massachusetts Avenue. She stated that she agrees with Ms. Hoffman's comments. She stated her support for Policy Order #32 and #33. She thanked Vice Mayor Benzan for his Central Square proposal.

Dav Shirzai stated that he is a cab driver. He thanked the City Council for its support to the taxi industry.

John Hawkinson spoke on Unfinished Business Item #4. He stated that he intended to speak in favor of these amendments but given City Manager Agenda #6, he is sure that they will be approved. He thanked Councillor Mazen and Cheung for their work on this issue. As it relates to Policy Order #14 he stated that he is concerned that these meetings that without public webcast have no place replacing City Council meetings. He suggested that they could be scheduled as special meetings that are telecast or scheduled on a day other than Monday so as not to cancel the regular City Council meeting. He suggested that this order be reconsidered. He stated his support for Policy Order #5. He stated that this is flawed but less flawed than the public records laws in currently in place. He noted that it is valuable increase in transparency. He stated that the City could follow Governor Baker's example as it relates to transparency.

Hasson Rashid, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, stated that recent sessions in Cambridge was another positive and proactive step being taken in the efforts to eradicate and end homelessness. He stated that the homeless has a universal right to fair housing. He stated that opportunities for housing for the homeless have been missed, specifically in the locations of the Foundry Building, the Sullivan Courthouse and the Volpe Center. He stated his belief that local

policymakers are being influenced by developers to exclude homelessness in the zoning land uses policies.

Kathy Watkins, 80 Fawcett Street, spoke on Policy Order #37. She noted that she would like the full amount of affordable units. She stated her hope that the linkage fee be increased to be \$24. She stated that the City could raise this fee and many companies would still want to come to Cambridge. She stated she supports 80% affordable housing. She thanked Councillor Simmons for the Metropolitan Storage issue to the City Council.

Rachel Wyon urged the City Council to support Policy Order #15. She stated that Cambridge is doing well and could be a wonderful role model for other cities. She stated that this would be a wonderful move forward of the amazing work that can be done. She urged the City Council to reconsider the \$12 linkage fee. She stated that the City Council needs to do much more for affordable housing. She stated the need for housing justice.

Robert Marshall, 165 Western Avenue, stated that there are a lot of people who only have free phones and not Smart Phones. He stated that he would like implementation of the Captain's Program. He stated that he would like this program revisited. He asked the City Manager to research this program.

Cheryl-Ann Pizza Zeoli stated that she is member of the Affordable Housing Trust. She stated that the study did not say that the only way to show that you care about affordable housing is to approve the \$24 fee. She stated that the Affordable Housing Trust looked at this carefully and they recommended raising the rate to \$12 and bump it up \$1 each year thereafter for three years. She noted that the CPA will continue to be the most significant source of funding for affordable housing in the city. She stated that we must be concerned about legal considerations. She told of groups that bring legal challenges and noted that Cambridge has never been challenged. She stated that there is a long list of policy orders that she would like the City Council to consider regarding affordable housing.

CONSENT AGENDA

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

#21-1A	Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
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#21-4A1	Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
#28	Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

#1 Here insert Agenda # 1 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan commented on the boxing program at the YMCA. He commended the police officers for their work with the youth.

The question now came on adoption of the appropriation order which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT APPROPRIATION OF \$3,500)

On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
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NAYS:	None	- 0
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ABSENT:	None	- 0
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and the order was –

Adopted.

3 Here insert Agenda # 3 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone moved adoption of the appropriation of a supplemental allocation of \$7,000 which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT APPROPRIATION OF \$7,000)

On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
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NAYS:	None	- 0
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ABSENT:	None	- 0
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and the order was –

Adopted.

#13 Here insert Agenda # 13 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that he does not understand why the area gets flooded with pedestrians. He stated that there is no signaling. He felt that this is not the best that can be done. Councillor Kelley asked Mr. Barr for feedback. Mr. Barr stated that it is not the ideal situation and the City would like to come up with a better solution. He stated that the area can be reviewed to see if minor adjustments can be made. Mr. Rossi stated that when the City concludes an interim report to change patterns or behaviors. He noted that this intersection is very difficult. He stated that outside expertise will be utilized. Councillor Kelley noted that this intersection is worse than Times Square. Mr. Rossi added that an out of the box approach is needed to solve this area. Councillor Kelley commented on the Church Street intersection and whether there is a better solution.

Councillor Mazen spoke about the super-crosswalk and felt that something needed to be done. Pedestrians cross here in a state of bewilderment looking for the walk signal. He noted that there has to be a way to create more visibility or clear messaging for the area. He stated that maybe a more comprehensive redesign is called for. Pedestrians cannot cross without their knowledge. Mr. Barr agreed that the design of the signals need to be made more visible. A holistic and general solution can be found. Mr. Rossi outlined the process. An engineering study would be done and the administration will come back to the City Council with a plan.

Councillor Carlone questioned the size of the crosswalk. He asked how many announcement indicators are there on each side indicating you can cross. Mr. Barr responded that there are four on each side. Councillor Carlone stated that if the blinders on the north were removed it would help the visibility.

#13 Placed on file.

#14 Here insert Agenda # 14 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that he learned that once the pavement is down stripping cannot be just placed on it. He stated that North Mass. Avenue has done without anything and it is really dangerous. He noted that on existing or new paving without the lines it is not clear where anyone is supposed to be. He stated that the City needs to be aggressive with markings and other traffic work. He suggested dates for when work would be done. He asked when the stripping would be done. Mr. Barr responded that he agreed with the safety aspect. He stated that Mass. Avenue from Walden to Russell Streets the work would commence and will be completed by the end of this week or the beginning of next week, weather permitting. He stated that the remainder of Mass. Avenue could be done next week also, but he would get back to the City Council on this.

#14 Placed on file.

#15 Here insert Agenda # 15 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan asked how long it would take to complete the traffic study. Mr. Barr stated that it take the time the study is initiated to collect the data and get an answer from Mass DOT is about 10-12 weeks. Vice Mayor Benzan asked if there have been complaints received about Harvey Street. Mr. Rossi noted that the approvals are not slam dunks. The state will be looking for the alternative route. If you take Harvey Street you would need to find another street which is Rindge Avenue which has a truck ban. He explained that he was doubtful that the City would be successful with a truck ban on Harvey Street. He stated that the theory has been to share the pain rather than

put the pain in one area. He stated that on any street where there is a truck ban a truck cannot be stopped that has a destination on that street. Mr. Barr noted that the City's application would not have great alternates. He reported to the City Council that complaints have been received from residents about trucks lining up where they should not be. He explained that mobile apps do not delineate truck ban routes. Vice Mayor Bengan spoke about the damage to the sidewalk caused by eighteen wheeler trucks turning onto Clifton Street. He suggested banning parking on this part of Clifton Street which will allow trucks and school buses to turn more easily. Mr. Rossi stated that review of speeding trucks and traffic calming measures could be reviewed on both streets if this will help the situation.

Councillor McGovern wanted Jay and Howard Streets looked at also when the City goes to the state. Mr. Rossi commented that with the completion of Western Avenue there should be less use of Jay and Howard Streets. Councillor McGovern noted that one of the biggest complaints that he has heard is about the tour buses. He stated that something needs to be done about the tour buses because it is not fair to residents to have tour buses traveling down their streets. Mr. Barr stated that he is conversing with the City of Boston and trying to come up with a solution to having a waiting place for the tour buses until the tour is completed.

Councillor Carlone noted that Harvey Street is one way and trucks are traveling down Clifton and turning onto Dudley Street. He stated that the trucks are serving WR Grace. Mr. Barr stated that issue is why are trucks are choosing this street. He stated that trucks are using streets as a cut through and also using truck ban streets. Mr. Rossi added that streets are being used to get a quicker route and avoid the school bus traffic.

#15 Placed on file.

OPEN DATA ORDINANCE

#16 Here insert Agenda # 16 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Cheung thanked the City staff for the work done on Open Data. He stated that the redline text of the ordinance is attached to the letter from the City Manager. Councillor Cheung moved to refer Agenda Item # 16 to Calendar Item # 4 and the motion –
Carried.

Councillor Cheung moved suspension of the rules to dispense with the regular order to business to bring forward Calendar Item # 4. Here insert Calendar Item # 4 read by Mayor Maher. The question now came on suspension of the rules – and on a voice vote the rules were –
Suspended.

Councillor Cheung moved to amend to substitute the redline language contained in Agenda Item # 16 – and on a voice vote the motion to amend –
Carried.

Councillor Cheung moved passage to be ordained as amended, which read as follows:
(HERE INSERT ORDINANCE #1370)

The question now came on passage to be ordained as amended and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
NAYS:	None	- 0
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the proposed amendment was –
Passed to be ordained as amended.

#19 Here insert Agenda # 19 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that he was pleased to see that Area IV would see \$35 million in sewer, water, street and sidewalk repairs infrastructure improvements. He noted that there was a plan to meet and include the neighborhood in the design. He wanted the concerns of the neighborhood heard regarding making the streets more cycle and pedestrian friendly. He asked what is the process and is it inclusive to include families in Newtowne Court and Washington Elms. Ms. Watkins responded that the community process is key to the success of this project. She stated that there would be a variety of ways used to reach out to the community. She explained that there would be the standard meetings, open houses, open houses in parks and informal gatherings to gather as much community input particularly families with small children. Vice Mayor Benzan asked if thought had been given regarding the type of lighting and whether the utility lines could be buried. Ms. Watkins stated that there would be issues with the narrow sidewalks regarding tree plantings. This will be discussed with the community. Ms. Watkins informed the City Council that burying utilities is not part of the sewer separation project. She stated that spot lighting and other street improvements will be reviewed. Mr. Rossi explained that per the law the cost for burying the utilities is passed onto the users, the consumers, and the costs are exorbitant. He added that then the homeowner has to pay for the connection from their property to the utility. Vice Mayor Benzan questioned the standards that lead the City to construct raised crosswalks in certain areas of the City. He expressed his concerns about the necessity for raised crosswalks and the cost. He questioned the installation of a storage tank at parking lot 6 and asked if affordable housing could still be built along Bishop Allen Drive. Ms. Watkins explained the reason for the raised crosswalks. The raised crosswalks eliminate the puddle that would occur if the crosswalk were flat on the smaller streets. Mr. Rossi informed the City Council that these crosswalks do not occur unless the Fire Department signs off and there are times when the Fire Department does not sign off on the construction. He further stated that affordable housing would be constructed on the lot with the installation of the storage tank. Vice Mayor Benzan asked if Clement Morgan Park would be redesigned. Ms. Watkins stated that one of the first things done with the community is to determine if there are opportunities for improvement in the community.

Councillor Kelley spoke about the communication process that falls short when doing these projects which leads to angst. He used the Cambridge Common Project as an example where the schedule is out of date. He stated that the City cannot over-communicate on the big projects. Mr. Rossi spoke about lessons learned with Huron Avenue and that the City would be leading with its chin with Area IV because the process is a long, protracted process.

Councillor Mazen spoke about the other infrastructure things like fiber, bus and transit and place making for the performing arts.

#19 Placed on file.

#20 Here insert Agenda # 20 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley asked if this could be done without towing. He commented that the streets do not get any cleaner when this is done. He stated that he preferred cars be ticketed than towed and would achieve the desired effect. Commissioner O'Riordan responded that the current system has been extremely effective and a model street cleaning program. The tagging and towing system is effective in getting people to move their cars for street cleaning. Commissioner O'Riordan noted the signs installed as a reminder and stated that every effort is taken to remind people that there is a street cleaning program that occurs nine months of the year in the City. Mr. Rossi informed the City Council that residents get upset when street sweeping is skipped for a holiday, especially in the fall when there are leaves on the ground. The street sweeping program began in the 1970's and if the streets were not swept for the debris the complaints would be far greater. This is an equitable system for the greater good of the community. He noted that the City goes overboard to notify people about street sweeping.

Councillor Mazen explained that new residents to Cambridge found their car towed for street sweeping and that a courtesy is extended when students are moving into the City and should be extended for other areas of the City as well. Mr. Rossi stated that this is a good suggestion and he would look into this. He supported doing a pilot program on one street. Mr. Rossi stated that Cambridge is beyond doing a pilot. This program is forty years old.

Councillor Simmons asked where the money for the towing goes. Mr. Rossi stated that the City is contracting with the tow companies for this service. This is regulated by the DPU. She stated that she appreciates street sweeping. She stated that she would prefer street sweepers and noted that she would prefer paying a \$90 ticket rather than a \$90 tow fee. She stated that she would like the City to think a little longer on this because towing is a hardship for some. She wanted to refer this back to the City Manager. No action was taken on this motion. Mr. Rossi stated that the tow companies are required under contract to take credit cards.

Councillor Cheung asked why the cars cannot be moved during street cleaning and put back in the space. Mr. Rossi stated that the tow trucks are owned by a private company. The City does not own tow trucks. He stated that he feels that the towing companies will be gone from Cambridge and Somerville in a few years and then the City's option will be very limited. Councillor Cheung suggested that when someone is ticketed that an e-mail be sent to notify the motorist. Mr. Rossi commented that he liked this idea. Councillor Cheung urged that the City use a more proactive alert system.

Councillor Toomey stated that he does not understand this discussion; this has been the policy for forty years. He stated that if one had their car ticketed and towed once that should be a lesson learned. He stated that the most important thing here is that the streets are clean and pollutants are being prevented from entering the storm water system which directly discharges into the Charles River and the Alewife Brook. He stated that he would not vote to refer this back to the City Manager.

Councillor Carlone noted that being towed is a miserable experience. He agreed with Councillor Toomey on this matter. Mr. Rossi explained the alternative method used for street cleaning when there was a holiday on the regular street cleaning day. In response to a question by Councillor Carlone Mr. Nandone explained that the posting for alternative street cleaning day is posted two weeks in advance of the street cleaning.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that he has been towed and would rather have clean streets in the most efficient manner possible.

Mayor Maher supported the current program. He stated that in West Cambridge with the sewer separation project there have been unfair instances to the residents where no reminders were given about street cleaning and the residents had their cars towed. If the roads are torn up residents should still be reminded about street cleaning. Mr. Rossi acknowledged that the City does need to do a better job.

Mayor Maher moved the motion by Councillor Simmons to send the report back to the City Manager and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Councillors Kelley, Mazen, McGovern and Simmons	- 4
NAYS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 5
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the motion to refer the report back to the City Manager –
Failed.

#20 Placed on file.

#22 Here insert Agenda # 22 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan congratulated Ms. Farooq on her appointment. Councillor Carlone applauded the appointment. Mayor Maher applauded the appointment also.

#22 Placed on file.

#23 Here insert Agenda # 23 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor McGovern wanted all the schools reviewed to see if there is a need for more bike racks. Mr. Rossi responded that this has been looked at. At CRLS the staff has looked at every feasible parking.

Councillor Kelley commented on emergency vehicles having access to CRLS. He support purchasing more bike corrals and ensuring that bikes can get to the parking.

#23 Placed on file.

#24 Here insert Agenda # 24 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone questioned the four different housing units in the inventory. Private housing is deed restricted explained Mr. Rossi. Councillor Carlone spoke about placing a question on the ballot about funding for affordable housing. He felt that many voters would respond in the affirmative to this. Mr. Rossi

suggested having this conversation at the tax rate hearing scheduled for next Monday. Councillor Carlone wanted a copy of the affordable housing inventory report.

Councillor Simmons noted that the Housing Committee has worked on getting a comprehensive housing policy so that it is not being done piecemeal. She commented that the 1,000 new affordable housing units will be challenging to achieve. She announced that the majority of the City Council is committed to as much affordable housing that can be bought, created, borrowed, built or collaborated on. The CHA has a new policy that if a tenant is being displaced they are eligible to receive a voucher. Mr. Rossi stated that what lies ahead is a lot of work. Cambridge should be proud of the work done. He stated that he finds it offensive when a member of the public makes a statement that Cambridge is not doing enough for affordable housing. If Cambridge is to be successful all must stick and work together and develop a plan. The record shows that Cambridge has done an incredible job. This is a national problem.

Ms. Farooq stated that this is an aggressive agenda. She stated that Community Development Department is working on building capacity.

Mayor Maher spoke about the praise received for the City of Cambridge in the role it has played in the creation of affordable housing. He stated that this is about the preservation of these units which are being threatened. He announced that 130 units were preserved at Briston Arms. He stated that this is a complex issue and the current units need to be maintained. He stated that people do not understand the importance of preservation of these units. Mr. Rossi agreed that Cambridge needs to do both, maintain the current units and increase the number of units. He stated that the City is trying to correct the flaw in the inclusionary housing ordinance.

Councillor McGovern all agree that this needs to be fought in a multiple of ways. He spoke about the lack of acknowledgement of the work that has been done by Cambridge. He spoke about the recommended linkage fee from the consultant. He read from the report that in the last five years the City has spent \$63 million on the preserving units and creating 1100 affordable units with 490 units which came from inclusionary zoning. He stated that many have worked on affordable housing for years. He questioned when the Nexus Study would be completed. Mr. Cotter stated that the Inclusionary Study is moving along and it is hoped that the report will be out in a few weeks. He outlined what the leveraging of the CPA funding does. He stated that the CPA has leveraged \$400 million to date. It will be challenging to do this. He spoke of a 20 unit groundbreaking in Kendall Square which has been four years in the making. The new building on Temple Street took seven years. He stated that new production of housing is challenging. Councillor McGovern highlighted the preserved units and their locations. He commented on what is being done in Cambridge compared to other communities. Cambridge being a leader in this area should be acknowledged and appreciated.

Vice Mayor Benzan told of an eighty year old woman who had been evicted from her home and all the individuals and agencies involved to help her get housing. He stated that the choices were limited and this highlighted the challenges that exist in Cambridge. He suggested that the City should explore purchasing homes from senior who want to down size in exchange for an inclusionary unit.

Councillor Mazen stated that it is important to take the significant successes in the same breath as the short comings. He stated that more can be done in significant ways. He stated that it cannot be ignored that millions of dollars were lost due to the linkage fee not increased and if not increased to \$24.30 more money will be lost. He stated that the conversation about developing the City parking lots should have been entertained along the way. He stated that mathematically the inclusionary housing cannot be sustained. He wanted to explore the overlay, create incentives for non-profit developers or resident developers. He stated that this can be approached many ways.

Councillor Carlone asked if the Inclusionary Study has an economic analysis. Mr. Cotter responded that the study will include an economic analysis of different scenarios and changes to the ordinance to see the impact on developers. He stated that there has been forward movement on the overlay district and looking to give advantages to affordable housing developers. Councillor Carlone commented that this needs to be a multi-pronged approach. He noted that the issue is how to finance the affordable housing. The land will be the issue as it keeps going up. He explained that in the end it will come down to whether the City is willing to put more money into affordable housing.

Councillor Toomey stated that there are zoning challenges in every part of the City and when zoning relief was requested it has been granted. He spoke about huge homes in the City that could be used as single occupancy units if purchased by the City which does not require renovations. He stated that he has not seen a push to have this happen. He questioned if the City looked to buy the Sancta Lucia site which sold for \$1 million. Mr. Cotter stated that he would look into this and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey noted that every part of the City should have this diversity and the economic mix. He noted that two family homes are being converted to single family homes and this is eliminating units from the housing stock. How does the City handle this. He stated that he wanted to see more affordable housing in every part of the City. Assistant City Manager for Community Development Ms. Farooq noted that it would be challenging to enforce to prevent a property owner from creating a larger unit. She stated that the idea of a zoning overlay is to create a better spread across the City and will equalize the playing field. Ms. Farooq stated that in the city-wide planning process the question will be asked what kind of City do we want to be. Councillor Toomey wanted to see the overlay district and how it will be done for the City. Mr. Cotter stated that the zoning and how zoning relief is obtained is being reviewed.

Councillor Carlone stated that the building code outlines converting large homes over two family. It is not as easily done. He stated that one story buildings could have two or three stories added on when they are vacant.

#24 Placed on file.

#25 Here insert Agenda # 25 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey exercised his Charter Right.

#26 Here insert Agenda # 26 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone saluted this effort by the City's leadership and the leadership in Community Development Department. He stated that this will be the subject of a hearing before the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee on October 6, 2015.

26 Referred to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee.

#27 Here insert Agenda # 27 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Cheung stated that the City is coming to compliance with that the new Massachusetts law is for earning sick leave with private employers. He is still looking for a parental leave policy which he hopes will be available soon.

Councillor Simmons stated that this is an important piece of legislation and deals with fairness and equity that impacts women and families.

#27 Placed on file.

RECONSIDERATION

No action having been taken on Reconsideration Item # 1, the same being Councillor Toomey's intention to file reconsideration on the vote taken on August 10, 2015 adopting Policy Order #15 that the City Council hereby goes on record urging Governor Baker and the State Legislature to move expeditiously in issuing guidelines and regulations that will ensure that taxi services and ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft re able to operate on a fair and even plane throughout the Commonwealth – the action taken on August 10, 2015 adopting the order –

Stands.

No action having been taken on Reconsideration Item # 2, the same being Councillor Toomey's intention to file reconsideration on Policy Order #18 of August 10, 2015 adopted by the City Council requesting that the City Manager confer with the appropriate City Departments about the feasibility of placing an immediate moratorium on any fees paid by the Taxicab industry to the City of Cambridge until: the State has enacted ridesharing regulations; and/or action is taken by the City to deregulate the Taxicab industry following the Mayor's Roundtable on this matter – the action taken on August 10, 2015 adopting the order –

Stands.

No action having been taken on Reconsideration Item # 3, the same being Councillor Toomey's intention to file reconsideration on Policy Order # 24 of August 10, 2015 adopted by the City Council urging the Massachusetts House and Baker administration to move swiftly in clarifying new law and associated regulation, taking into account the needs of municipalities in flux, and ultimately act with the intention of achieving parity and safety amongst transit operators of all kinds – the action taken on August 10, 2015 adopting the order –

Stands.

CALENDAR

#1-3 No action taken.

On Calendar Item # 3 Councillor Simmons stated that the Housing Committee will look at the recommendations so that they are properly vetted so that it will be ready for ordination on September 28, 2015.

4 Ordained as amended 9 - 0 – 0. (SEE OPEN DATA ABOVE)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- # 1 Referred to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for hearing and report.
- # 2 Order adopted on an affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 3 Referred to the City Manager with power.
- # 4 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 5 Referred to the City Manager with power.
- # 6 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

- # 1 Placed on file.
- # 2 Referred to the petition.
- # 3 Placed on file.
- # 4 Referred to the Elizabeth M. Stern, et al petition.
- # 5 Placed on file.
- # 6 Placed on file.
- # 7 Placed on file.
- # 8 Referred to the petition.
- # 9 Placed on file.
- #10 Here insert Communication # 10 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone noted that there was no feedback from the City on this. He stated that this letter makes him question what was calculated.
- #10 Placed on file.
- #11 Placed on file.
- #12 Placed on file.
- #13 Placed on file.
- #14 Placed on file.
- #15 Placed on file.
- #16 Placed on file.
- #17 Placed on file.
- #18 Placed on file.
- #19 Placed on file.
- #20 Placed on file.
- #21 Placed on file.
- #22 Placed on file.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

- # 1 -62 All consent resolutions were adopted and made unanimous sponsored in the affirmative vote of nine members.

CONSENT POLICY ORDERS

- # 1- 5 Orders adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 7 – 11 Orders adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#16-17 Orders adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 #19 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 #21-25 Orders adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 #28 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 #29 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members. Councillor Cheung recorded in the negative on this matter.
 #31-36 Orders adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 #38-40 Orders adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

NON-CONSENT POLICY ORDERS

#6 Here insert Original Policy Order # 6 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan spoke about various orders regarding the condition of Central Square. He commented that he has never seen the condition of Central Square as bad as it is now. He brought pictures of Central Square that he took at 6:45 AM of the conditions he witnessed from graffiti, debris and uncleanness. He stated that this is unacceptable and this is a serious problem. He stated that Central Square is the heart of the City and is visited by tourist from all over the world. He noted that the opioid drug crisis in Central Square is the worse he has seen. He stated that in a City with the amount of resources Cambridge should do better. He wanted this problem cleared up. He further stated that the heart of the City cannot continue to look like this.

Councillor Carlone commented that the recommendation of a satellite police station was more normal in the past. He stated that building a satellite station at Barron Plaza may be a design foil for truck traffic coming down Western Avenue. He envisioned a coffee house. He stated that store fronts were required to sweep the sidewalks in front of their businesses. He stated that some business districts have a BID (Business Improvement District). He stated that Central Square is reaching the point of being terrible and it deserves better.

Councillor McGovern noted that there has been a significant difference in his neighborhood since the since the police station moved from Western Avenue to Sixth Street. He stated that his neighbors would appreciate a satellite police station in Central Square. He stated that the business association does encourage store owners to clean in front of their stores but the problem is that you cannot keep up with the mess. He stated that empty nip containers would never be seen in Harvard Square and should not be seen in Central Square. He stated that Central Square needs more attention and the population that hangs out in Central Square is more vulnerable and presents more challenges. He submitted the following amendment:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the nom-zoningC-2 recommendations for Central Square.

Councillor McGovern stated that Carl Barron Plaza needs to be redesigned and this space needs to be reclaimed for residents. Senior citizens do not feel safe in Carl Barron Plaza. This is an issue about how the services that the City has are managed while keeping Central Square clean and safe.

Vice Mayor Benzan moved to amend Policy Order # 6 to add Councillor McGovern as a co-sponsor.

Councillor Simmons supported this order but added some historical information. There was discussion about adding a police station in Central Square previously and this needs to be revisited. She commented that the City needs to take a holistic view of Central Square. She agreed that the Central Square needs to be reclaimed. There is a need for a comprehensive look at Central Square; now we need a plan of action. She asked how the City goes back to reestablish Central Square as the prominent part of the City it was in the past.

Councillor Carlone stated that this is the reason he suggested that the master plan low at Central Square after Alewife. Councillor Carlone moved to amend the Order by adding the following:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of subsidizing a Business Improvement District in Central Square for a certain amount of time.

Councillor Carlone stated that a vacant store front could be utilized for a satellite police station.

Councillor Mazen commented that he is usually against increasing police infrastructure favoring more holistic alternatives. He stated that he was unsure whether he could support the Policy Order and told of his experience recently with violent behavior in Central Square. He stated that a little enforcement, a lot of services and a policy discussion may be the way to go. He commented that a storefront satellite police station would be better than a free standing police station from an expenditure and impact standpoint. He stated that he does not believe that a satellite police station is necessary. He stated that all are seeing the same issues in Central Square but he disagrees that police involvement is not always the best solution for community quality of life and public benefit.

Vice Mayor Benzan spoke about recent incidents he has experienced in Central Square. He noted that Central Square is not a place where people feel safe and in order to feel safe people need to see a police presence. People who live near Central Square do not know the homeless population that are in Central Square. This population need jobs, mental health treatment and drug treatment. He added that if we want to clean up Central Square we need to know this population. He stated that the City has to do better in Central Square and the square should be clean before people go to work.

Councillor Mazen stated that he agreed with the Vice Mayor and that he is facing the same problem. He stated that he has seen what police presence can do to the community life and the vibrancy of the square. He stated that a satellite police station needs a study and plan for expenditures. He stated that this is not the only solution. He stated that he felt it is a design problem. He stated that the part he is taking issue with is the idea that it has to be a costly piece of police infrastructure and a protracted police presence. He stated that this is not a tool that should be consistently used rather this is a temporary solution.

Councillor McGovern commented that the Policy Order contains various ways to improve Central Square of which one is the satellite police station. This is not the only suggestion being made. He added that there are different strategies that need to be employed for each situation. He further stated that if the support services are valued as a City there needs to be a

conversation about sharing the wealth. There are twenty-two support services in Central Square.

Mayor Maher stated that the issue of public safety and the immediacy of this matter. He stated that this same issue is in metropolitan and suburban areas around the country. He stated that opioid crisis is worse in surrounding communities.

At this time the City Clerk read the proposed amendments.

Amendment by Councillor McGovern:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the non-zoning C-2 recommendations for Central Square.

The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment – Carried.

Amendment by Councillor Carlone:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of subsidizing a Business Improvement District in Central Square for a certain amount of time.

The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment – Carried.

Vice Mayor Benzan moved the following amendment:

ORDERED: That the city Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to re-paint the electrical and fire alarm boxes in Central Square with the assistance from the Arts Council.

The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment – Carried.

Vice Mayor Benzan further amended the aforementioned order by adding the following:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council within two meetings.

The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment – Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT AMENDED ORDER # 6)

The order was –

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#12 Here insert Original Policy Order # 12 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone moved to amend the aforementioned order to add Councillor McGovern, Councillor Mazen and Councillor Simmons as co-sponsors on the order.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT AMENDED ORDER #12)

The order was –

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#13 Here insert Policy Order #13 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone stated that he was asked by peace groups to acknowledge the leadership, especially the Massachusetts leadership.

#13 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#14 Here insert Policy Order #14 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley commented that he does not see the magic of roundtables. He supported the November 16th roundtable with the School Committee. He stated that he would prefer to have regular City Council meetings.

Mayor Maher announced that Rule 23B of the City Council Rules states that there shall be six to eight roundtable/working meetings per year. He stated that these topics have been introduced by the City Councillors.

Vice Mayor Benzan suggested that for the Opioid roundtable that the pharmaceutical companies be invited to the roundtable.

Councillor Carlone stated that the schedule as submitted means that four meetings out of nine will be roundtables. He stated that the discussion on Opioid crisis could be held in the Health and Environment Committee. He stated that the masterplan discussion could be at a different time. He agreed with the roundtable with the School Committee. The transportation issues roundtable could be held in the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee. He agreed with Councillor Kelley about roundtables.

Councillor Mazen commented that there are too many roundtables held all at once.

Councillor Cheung appreciated the roundtables being scheduled. This is a good plan because the Mayor was requested to schedule these.

The question now came on adoption of Policy Order #14 and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Cheung, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 6
NAYS:	Councillors Carlone, Kelley and Mazen	- 3
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the order was –

Adopted.

#15 Here insert Policy Order #15 read by Mayor Maher. Mayor Maher stated that the Mayor's Office has been working on this. He stated that he has met with former Mayor Henrietta Davis and is preparing the sign-off on this.

Councillor Carlone stated that due to climate change and pollution the fish supply are down 50%.

#15 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#18 Here insert Original Policy Order #18 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Cheung moved to amend the order to add Councillor McGovern as a co-sponsor on the order.

Councillor McGovern stated that he attended the Charrette meetings and there will be scheduled a report back meeting in October with the Human Services and Veterans Committee around homelessness. He moved that this be referred to the Human Services and Veterans Committee.

Councillor Kelley urged caution when looking to the police for answers for so many things. He commented that other departments have an equal role to play in these social problems.

Councillor McGovern stated that the finalization of the income and security report is being worked on and one of the recommendations on homelessness is that the Human Services Department hire street workers as outreach workers. Another recommendation is to put more social workers on the street to assist police officers.

The question now came on the amendment to add Councillor McGovern as a co-sponsor – and on a voice vote the amendment –

Carried.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT AMENDED ORDER #18)

The order was –

Referred to the Human Services and Veterans Committee on motion of Councillor McGovern.

#20 Here insert Policy Order # 20 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons stated that notice was abruptly given to customers who have records stored at Metropolitan Moving and Storage, that MIT, the property owner, opted not to renew their lease. She stated that many people are being impacted by this and are not being given ample time to move their items in storage. This is not about storage over housing. This is about MIT being better at informing people that they will be losing this storage facility in the City.

#20 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#26 Here insert Original Policy Order #26 read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Councillor Carlone stated that this is a huge project and the only drawings that have been seen by the City Council is a massing study and not a plan. He wanted an urban design plan done so that it can be evaluated as to what the zoning is and understand it better. Councillor Carlone moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding the following:

ORDERED: That an urban design plan be created for the City's aspirations for the site; and be it further

ORDERED: That the amendment be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.

Councillor Kelley noted that more information is needed on this proposal before the City Council can vote on it. He wanted to know what kind of housing will attract what kind of people from similar sized units from around the City and the traffic impacts. He added that if all the information he has is the same information when the petition was first filed he does not see his way to “yes” on this proposal.

Councillor McGovern stated that this is an opportunity that the City could squander in one way or another. He wanted to see something go forward. He stated that all expressed concern about the affordable housing percentage that was presented. He wanted to see what this compromise would look like if the percentage were increased. He added more information is needed.

Vice Mayor Benzan suggested that these motions be made in the Ordinance Committee.

The question now came on the amendment submitted by Councillor Carlone - and on a voice vote the amendment –

Carried.

The question now came on the amendment to refer to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee for hearing and report – and on a voice vote the amendment –

Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended, which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED ORDER #26)

The order was –

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#27 Here insert Policy Order # 27 read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Councillor Mazen asked about the intent of the order. Councillor Toomey explained that he wanted the Law Department to clarify that if the addition is granted on top of the MXD would this automatically grant rights to Boston Properties as the developer. He stated that he feels that this should be open to any developer to submit their proposals and have a competition as to what will be on the site and what type of mitigation will be provided to the City.

Councillor Carlone stated that this is an excellent question but he sense that this is Boston Properties.

#27 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#30 Here insert Policy Order # 30 read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Councillor Cheung spoke about how charter schools are funded and fairness in the City. He commented that the Law Department will want to wait until there is a court case before doing an analysis as to how this could impact Cambridge. He is not in support of this order.

Councillor Kelley stated that charter schools in this state are seeing a resurgence. He stated that the Governor and Head of the State Education Department are pro charter schools. He stated that there is proposed a new charter school in Arlington with Cambridge students. He stated that the more than is known about the legality and the constitutionality of charter schools the better. He stated that if the Law Department came back with strong language that the law in Washington State is relevant to Cambridge for discussion about the Arlington charter school or lifting the caps in Massachusetts is a bad idea. He added that charter schools are a big issue and the City Council needs to be ahead of this discussion. He added that the charter schools do not educate students the same as the public schools do. He explained that the Cambridge charter school loses 59% of its 9– 12th graders and a suspension rate six times higher than CRLS.

Councillor Mazen noted that the discussions on charter schools is polarized. He does not see the harm in knowing the legality. He does not believe that charter schools are losing 59% of their students from freshman to senior year. The charter school may not replenish their students as does CRLS for the same period. He wanted more data.

Councillor McGovern stated that this is a funding issue with Washington State. He stated the two issues are funding and whether charter schools are public schools or not. He feels they are not public schools and there is not accountability. He stated that there is has not been a challenge in Massachusetts about whether it is legal for charter schools to be funded as they are.

Councillor Kelley stated that charter schools are very different. He stated that he believes that charter schools are the first step in privatizing education. He explained that he felt that the policy behind charter schools is flawed. He is asking if the Washington ruling has applicability to the funding issues in Massachusetts, in particularly in Cambridge. He stated that the City of Cambridge is actually paying for the charter school tuitions.

Councillor Cheung stated that this is based on what is in the constitution in Washington State and the court is fining the legislature for not ruling on the funding mechanism for the state. This applies to Washington State and we are asking hypothetically how that impacts Massachusetts. You are asking for staff time to be spent on a hypothetical situation.

#30 Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Councillor Cheung recorded in the negative on this matter.

#37 Here insert Policy Order # 37 read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Councillor Carlone stated that this is being built on left over land. With buying City owned land this became a buildable site. With the sale of the City-owned land a large building is being built. He commented that the land price was low for the large building. He supports the Policy Order. He stated that this developer has fought doing housing.

Councillor McGovern stated that he has met with Boston Properties about this site and would look into the 15% and now we learn that they are not doing the 15% and are not building the 36 units that they originally agreed to. He stated that this demands an explanation. He wanted Boston Properties to explain their position to the public. He added that whatever should be done to correct this legally.

#37 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#41 Here insert Policy Order # 41 read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Councillor Mazen asked for explanation of the Order. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that it requests the City Solicitor to report back on whether a neighborhood conservation district study could proceed without triggering a review of the properties within that district. He explained that the neighbors would agree to the study but would not agree to a review of any of the property. The neighbors wanted to know if the Historical Commission had this discretion.

Councillor Carlone explained that his neighborhood was being considered for a conservation district and some of the neighbors were opposed to this action.

#41 Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.
Councillors Carlone and Kelley were recorded in the negative on this matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1 Report accepted and placed on file.

In connection with this matter, Councillor Cheung submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #42)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

2 Report accepted and placed on file.

In connection with this matter, Councillor McGovern submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 43)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor McGovern submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #44)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Vice Mayor Benzan submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #45)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Vice Mayor Benzan submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 46)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Simmons submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 47)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

3 Report accepted and placed on file.

In connection to this matter, Councillor Mazen submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT ORIGINAL POLICY ORDER #48)

Councillor Kelley moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding after the word “level” the following “that is measured.”

The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment –

Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT AMENDED POLICY ORDER #48)

The order was –

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Mazen submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #49)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Mazen submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #50)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Mazen submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #51)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor McGovern submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #52)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

4 Report accepted and placed on file.

The question now came on the amendment submitted by Councillor McGovern in 8.70.030 in definition # 3 in the last sentence to strike out the words “does not” and “nor does” and insert the word “and” in place of the “nor does. ” The sentence would then read as follows:

This definition includes single-use disposable items such as straws, cup lids, or utensils and it includes single use disposable packaging for unprepared foods.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment –

Carried.

Councillor Cheung moved to amend in definition # 4 of 8.70.0230 that the following sentence be added at the end thereof: School cafeterias are included in this ordinance.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment –
Carried.

Councillor McGovern moved to amend in 8.70.030 in definition # 5 to strike the word “not” in the last sentence. The sentence would then read: The term “polystyrene” shall include clear or solid polystyrene which is known as “oriented polystyrene.”

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment –
Carried.

Councillor Cheung moved to strike out the last sentence in 8.70.020 and insert the following new sentence: Polystyrene food containers are expensive and impractical to recycle and are not biodegradable.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment –
Carried.

Councillor McGovern moved to strike out the words “hundred and eighty days” in 8.70.050 and insert the word “year” so that the sentence would read as follows: The Chapter shall take effect one year from the date of enactment.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment –
Carried.

The question now came on passage to a second reading as amended which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT FIRST PUBLICATION #3375)

The proposed amendment to the Municipal Code was –

Passed to a second reading as amended at the City Council meeting held on September 21, 2015 and on or after October 5, 2015 the question comes on passing to be ordained.

5 Report accepted, placed on file and remains in committee.

6 Report accepted and placed on file.

In connection with this matter Councillor McGovern submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #53)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor McGovern submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #54)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Vice Mayor Benzan submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #55)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

7 Report accepted and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1 Placed on file.

RECONSIDERATION # 4

4 Here insert Reconsideration # 4 read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Councillor Cheung moved reconsideration and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 7
NAYS:	Councillors McGovern and Simmons	- 2
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the motion for reconsideration –
Prevailed.

Councillor Mazen suggested that the matter be referred to the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee – and on a voice vote the motion –
Carried.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

#63-72 Resolutions adopted and made unanimously sponsored on an affirmative vote of nine members.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillor Toomey the meeting adjourned at 11:50 PM

A list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

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